

Parental Information Leaflet for Hepatyrix® Vaccine (Combined inactivated hepatitis A and Vi polysaccharide typhoid vaccine)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start receiving this vaccine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have further questions, please ask your doctor or your pharmacist.
- This vaccine has been prescribed for you and should not be passed on to others.

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The full name of your vaccine is Hepatyrix

Hepatitis A (inactivated, adsorbed) and Typhoid Polysaccharide vaccine.

Each 1 millilitre dose of Hepatyrix contains the following active ingredients:

- 25 micrograms (a very small amount) of the Vi polysaccharide antigen (a part of the *Salmonella typhi* (Ty2 strain) bacterium which causes typhoid fever)
- 1440 ELISA units of inactivated hepatitis A virus (HM175 strain) grown on MRC-5 cells. The purified virus has been treated with a chemical called formaldehyde to prevent it from causing hepatitis A infection. In order to increase its effectiveness, the hepatitis A virus has been attached to a very small amount of aluminium hydroxide (0.5 milligrams of aluminium)

Hepatyrix may also contain small amounts of neomycin, which is an antibiotic.

- The other inactive ingredients in the vaccine are: sodium chloride, water for injections.

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1. WHAT HEPATYRIX IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Hepatyrix is presented as a white and milky suspension. It is provided in single dose (1 ml) glass prefilled syringes.

Hepatyrix is available in packs of 1 and 10, with or without needles.

Hepatyrix is a vaccine that can be given to adults and teenagers from 15 years of age and above. The vaccine is used to help prevent two infectious diseases: hepatitis A and typhoid fever. The vaccine works by causing the body to produce its own protection (antibodies) against these infectious diseases.

Hepatitis A is an infectious illness of the liver caused by a virus.

Typhoid fever is an infectious illness caused by a type of bacteria called *Salmonella typhi*.

Both diseases are caught and spread by eating or drinking contaminated food or water.

Since the hepatitis A virus and typhoid bacterium are present in the stools of the diseased can occur in any country, but they more commonly occur in places or countries with poor standards of personal or public hygiene. The main signs of hepatitis A infection include a headache, fever, sickness and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes). Most patients usually get better in a few weeks, but it may take some months to make a full recovery. Rarely, hepatitis A infection can also cause serious liver disease and very rarely death. Hepatyrix can only help to protect you against infections with hepatitis A virus. It cannot

